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**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Police Monitoring Enhancement Amendment Act of 2009”

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 18-130, Draft Committee Print shared with OCFO on January 11, 2010

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*This revised Fiscal Impact Statement reflects the changes made in the revised Committee Print, and it replaces the Fiscal Impact Statement issued by the OCFO on December 16, 2009.*

**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the Office of Citizen Complaint Review Establishment Act of 1998<sup>1</sup> to require that the Police Complaints Board (“Board”)<sup>2</sup> monitor both citizen complaints received by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) and the discipline proposed or imposed for any sustained complaints; be given access to documents, materials and other information specifically related to the Board’s monitoring activities of MPD and DCHA, as well as to any failure to cooperate notifications sent by the Office of Police Complaints (OPC); and make recommendations concerning the status and the improvement of the citizen complaint process, when appropriate, to DCHA.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-208; D.C. Official Code § 5-1104).

<sup>2</sup> The Board is the governing body of the Office of Police Complaints.

<sup>3</sup> Currently, the Board is only required to make recommendations to the Mayor, the Council, and the Chief of MPD.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

At the present time, given its resources, OPC has a limited capacity to analyze any detailed information, and therefore the Board would likely request information that is already contained in MPD's "Personnel Performance Management System." The burden on MPD to respond to such requests is estimated to be minimal and could be absorbed within MPD's existing budget.

However, should the requests become frequent and routinely require additional information not contained in a database or documentation that has to be redacted by MPD, the proposed legislation could require additional staffing, which cannot be absorbed by MPD's existing budget.

The Board could use its existing resources to implement the new monitoring responsibilities.